Iroquois Government Rarely Seen in the World and Founded on Highest Principles

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HERE is a little word of nin letters that has get the world aflame. Nine characters of the English language have been so arranged as to command billions of dollars and millions of lives. These same nine characters are sitting in judgment on all selfish ends and arbitrary

What is this magic word? De mocracy-the rule of the people! Democracy, the good of the many, the rights of all! Democracy, loving one's it into terms of social and economic To-day all nations are trying to spell this magic word. None has as succeeded. America once, howright combination of characters. She is destined to do so again. In their own way the first Americans spelled this word. It was woven into their covenant belts, it was glimpsed in their rites and ceremonies.

Some \$50 years ago the Iroquois ment that has never been equalled by any race in its spirit of justice equality, democracy and brotherhood. Arthur Parker, New York State archæologist, has recently brought out the constitution of the Iroquois confederacy—the great peace law. It was found to consist of 128 definite articles, which provided for a social organism and an economic and political democracy of almost ideal

This social order was based on cominterest-the good and the rights of the many. Each asked nothon equal terms. No one sought special privilege. No one tried to dam the stream of life for himself. Each took out of it what was needed for nediate wants, no more, and granted a like privilege to all. Every-thing belonged to the Great Spirit, was simply lent to the Indian. Land was as free as air and water and sunshine. They could not barter and sell it, for it was the breast of their Great the people, it was held in common trust, although individual right of occupancy was recognized. A man could take as much land as he himself, in-

This principle, the land for the neo ple, is one of the basic and funda-Without it there may be political democracy, but real democracy includes the political, social and economic rights of all the people. The Iroquois confederacy solved the economic and social problem as well as the political. It proved that by the nationalisation of the natural resources, both poverty and wealth may be eliminated. History proves that whenever the land has been taken from a people that people has become weak and decadent Mother Earth recreates. She is the source of life and power. Like Antæus, the Greek giant, a people in Iroquois knew this truth, and as long as the land was their heritage, was for are confronted by the same menace distics are most significant

One-fourth of the land of America person. Forty-five per cent. of Ameridemocracy, she herself must achieve personal chastity, social service and full political and economic democracy. religious spirit. and Indians—must be enfranchised, demanded, and a chief who proved and her land must be opened up for derelict could be recalled and deposed Government to take over the trans. of the clan, after judgment in the peopertation and distribution facilities the ple's council, which invariably confuel and food industries in war, is it not firmed her act of deposition. Thus a equally possible to take over the land wholesome rivalry was established that produces the food? And if these Each man who was eligible to chief

## Right of Self Expression.

Proquois democracy was the individ-chief at all times served as a public ual right of self-expression. Each service commissioner. To him any found his place and did the thing he liked to do and could do best. The man who could make the best arrow became the arrow maker teacher of the tribe. Each brought his special gift and contributed it for the enjoy- born into the chieftainship ment and good of all. It mattered not whether it were a song, a story, a people to the council. They were tomahawk or healing medicine, a called "Pine Tree" chiefs, because they that employs thousands. The earliest basket of corn or piece of deer meat, it was of value if it served the people, the people, and had proved that their ings of crowned heads. Then came Material compensation was not a fac- feet v Material compensation was not a fac-tor of Iroqueis civilization. It was and that their heads reached to the tor of Iroqueis civilization. It was and that their heads reached to the makers were quick to see the opporloing it or for the service it might the Iroquois used the heads of all tunity to offer a substitute for the old

to be self-existent and self-contained. Self-control and the spirit to play fair sacred duty and privilege. She inspired him to deeds of bravery and service. Later a spirit of wholesome rivalry was developed with his mates in achieving honors and rendering service to the nation. Very early he learned the kinship of life. His school was the woods, his teachers the animal, bird, tree and plant people. trees and animals it is not so difficult

to be a brother to men.

They gave to woman her true place agreed and the firekeepers were op-and superior rights. The Iroquois powed, the firekeepers could but con-woman was not the slave of her chief firm the decision, for unanimity was as is commonly supposed. She was the centre of their social order. When she married she took neither her husfor Centuries band's name nor his clan, and her children belonged to her clan forever.

riages and governed households. She mooracy.
had absolute control of her child and The limitation of the Great Peace his training until the period of ado-lescence. Politically she had a voice in all councils and the sole right of did not institute it; he borrowed it to other tribes inviting them to sit from the Iroquois women, who used it with the Iroquois under the Great trolling voice in religious ceremonials and later when the Iroquois became touched with the property instinct ader, women were made the rightful owners of the land and could bequeath it to whom they choose.

peace wigwam. The most just, fair minded, noble woman of the tribe was chosen to preside over this wigwam, to keep the peace fire burning and settle all disputes that arose. Jigonsareh Dekanawida, the culture hero of the Nations, Iroquois culture savored Mohawks, and Haiyonwentha, Hia- somewhat of German Kultur. watha of the Onondagas, founded the great league of peace. Other women in queen, and because they were wise and ust and kind and taught men to love one another, and helped them to live as brothers, the Iroquois were for great and powerful people, controlling all the country east of the Mississipp! No nation could declare war against another nation without the consent of

The justice, courage, loyalty, friendship and hospitality of this people could not be questioned. No man came and they clothed him not. Their word was sacred. Covenants and treaties made with them were in every instance broken by white men. These were some of the ideals that permeated the ancient American civilization and made possible a real democracy.

Iroquois, recognizing the rights The of all the people and their right to rule themselves, worked out a social organism that was almost ideal in meeting the needs of the Five Nations. spirit has never been equalled or surpassed. Its one limitation was that it did not go far enough, did not in-clude mankind. Within its workings we find the right of popular nomination, the right of the recall and the right of equal suffrage.

The purpose of the league was through organization and union to forever stop the wanton shedding of human blood, and to develop the arts of peace. It was a league to enforce peace. The symbol of this peace league was the evergrowing tree from springing forth until there should be a branch for every nation of the earth. Each tribe was bound by its most sacred rights and ceremonies to keep cure other tribes to join it in this pur

While all the people could rule, only those trained from birth to rule could be elected to the Confederate Counc which consisted of fifty roydiyaner—noble chiefs. These chiefs were elected from the various clans or phratries. There were definite laws on clan marriage, therefore every child was born into a group or clan having a definite relationship to other groups. Not all children were born into the chieftainship line. Those that were, received the office holding "name," and were trained for that office.

Chiefs Nominated by Women. These chiefs were nominated by cer-

in whose families the titles were heconfirmed by popular councils of both men and women, and then by the Confederate Council. While the fifty sachems were in a sense hereditary, it the use of all their people, our first was exacted of them that they meas-Americans were a great and powerful ure well to the measuring stick cut and made for a sachem. For instance, if a vacancy occurred in the council and a chief was to be "raised up" the the vacancy occurred, who had the "name" of the office in her keeping. hundred million acres are owned by could confer it upon any male of he own line of descent whom she conaverage estate of 4,000 acres for each sidered best fitted. Usually the oldest son of the clan would be chosen, but if can land is idle; 42 per cent of the remainder is worked by tenants whose nomination, another was selected. Elcondition is no better than that of igibility to a seat in the council was seris across the sea. If America is to based on these virtues: Truthfulness survive, if she is to lead the world to generosity, self-control, moral courage,

These requirements were actually the people. If it is possible for the (his horns knocked off) by the mothe resources are to be conserved for the tainship trained and disciplined himpeople in times of war, why may they self to become worthy of the honor not be conserved for the people in Such a system produced trained and proved thinkers in the council.

check, modify and demand action of the alleged funnies. But it was not Another strong factor entering into the Confederate Council. The war

"Chiefs at Large" were elected by the Day was born in Europe and ha their thinking men and women to fashioned valentines, and many thou-From infancy the child was taught serve the people. And all served with- sands intended for that particular sea out thought of compensation as a son are now made. Few comics, ever

## Decisions Unanimous.

Decisions must be unanimous in all councils. The confederate council was pretty love cards also became passe divided into three groups, the older brothers (Senecas and Mohawks), the of the old pagan festival of the Luperyounger brothers (Cayugas and Onel- calls which the Romans celebrated on as), and the firekeepers (the Onon- February 15. Christian Rome, instead dagas). Each brotherhood debated a of stopping the games of the day When one learns to be a brother to question separately and reported to the adopted them as a Christian rite firekeepers. The question was then re-ferred back, and a unanimous decision February 14, for it was on that day, in ordered. If the two brotherhoods dis- A. D. 270, that St. Valentine, who thing of economic democracy, but agreed the firekeepers bad the casting a Christian presbyter, was crucified in vote. If, however, the brotherhoods the Forum in Rome.

the law. This bred courtesy and toler ance. It also developed a high quality of statesmanship, for our first Amerito secure unanimity of action. These Descent was traced through the were some of the laws and rulings that produced the first American de-

law lay in the method by which world peace was to be secured. If branches did not grow naturally on the Great nomination. She also possessed the Peace tree, they were grafted on by right of referendum and recall. T. R. force. Peace messages were sent out Tree of Peace. A tribe refusing to accept three times this invitation was considered an enemy, and a war of amalgamation was begun. Naturally there were some tribes that either did not see the value of coalition for peace or did not wish to submit to condi-tions and laws they had had no hand At the time of their golden age— in making. Here the Iroquois forgot Upon that isle; these poor astrays about 1650—the Iroquois maintained a the right of every nation to govern Were captured, and above a blase, with spices first to savor. them that this was not democracy, so Were teasted, save the sallor caught eure were they that they, the Iroquois With pipe in mouth, tobacco fraught, —Ongwe owch, real or superior men. And he, unitedly they thought, Ongwe oweh, real or superior men, as the name implies-knew what was best of all peoples. Outside the Five

What this first League to Enforce Peace might have accomplished had not the paleface invaders come in overwhelming numbers and destroyed it, we can but imagine. Its basic and democratic, would the Iroquois have discovered the one weak link in their peace chain and strengthened it?

we hyphenated Americans have at years of attempted extermination or amalgamation this people still exists, in degree maintaining its tribal customs and laws, pointing out to us some of the vital principles that under-

lle true democracy.
It is such a people that we have made wards and minors. It is such a people that we have made without a social or legal status. It is such a peo ple whose leals we have destroyed whose spirits we have humiliated whom we have deprived of responsibility, of action, of growth, of economic independence, of freedom, of that divine right of every individual, the right to be oneself.

To-day we are waging war for the rights of little peoples. In the words of our President, "That no nation may seek to extend its policy over another nation or people, but that every peo-ple may be left free to determine its own policy, and its own way of development, unhindered unthreatened. and unafraid." To-day we are assuring Belgium that she shall again be restored to her place among the peoples of the earth. Would it not be consistent also to restore to the first real Americans their place among the peo-ples of the earth? They have defied the malting pot. They have been too great to absorb. Nature preserves her type until she has achieved her purpose—until the child is born. Mayhap the new American democracy now aborning will yet be cradled on the pappoose board of the old.

St. Valentine's Day

Changes Greatly ID you receive a valentine the other day? If so, it is safe to from those in which you found delight as a youngster or which your father used to send to your mother in their courting days. A change in valentine fashions which started to set in half a dozen years ago has now become al nost complete. The growth in popularity of the picture postcard was a strong factor in the evolution. The war is another.

The passing of the so-called comic valentine, the penny awfuls with dreadful color work and rhymes which often bordered on the vulgar, may truly be said to mark an advance in civilization. Not so very long ago some folks used to chuckle over such an effusion as this:

You hairless and toothless old rat!
You ridiculous piece of antiquity!
You've not got the brains of a cat,
But your soul is chock full of iniqu
You expect by the aid of your skill In the mystical art of the toillette But we're onto your scheme and

tines which were popular this year. This one was obviously intended to be sent by a maiden to a lovesick swain whose tendency was to be a slacker: You cannot be my valentine Jules your heart's in tune with mine.

My love for you will always lag
Unless you battle for the flag.
We were engaged, but now I'm wiser,
For you're not fighting 'gainst the
Kaiser.

Most of this year's valentines were suggestive of war and patriotism. In good cheer and carry Old Glory high; in others the gallant youths assured their sweethearts that they would do their bit till autocracy was overthrown. A welcome release—the passing of many years ago that, according to estimates at the time, as many as 20,000,service commissioner. To him any cause could be taken at any time by both men and women.

In order that no man of value might be debarred from serving the people and the Great Peace, if not born into the chieftainshin line.

line, much to revolutionize St. Valentine's were rooted in honesty and truth, scenes of noted places and reproduc in postcards, were to be seen this year, and most of these were caricatures

the Kaiser.

With the passing of the comics the St. Valentine's Day is a continuation POEMS WORTH READING.

My rhyme's of "once upon a time," When sailing ships were in their prime, And sought out every coast and clime, Stanch with their pine and cedar. And of a man of stress and stir, A sailer, records old aver.

He'd smoke; what cared he for the gale?

They bore them toward the Southern Cross. And though they shot no albatross They met with grave and grievous Their ship was riven and rifted; Upon a reef 'twas smitten sore; In safety shareward drifted.

Now they were having "meatless days" Might have too strong a flavor.

They voted he should be set free: wanderers by land and main, My tale is true, my tale is plain,

A War Time Tonet.

From the Buffalo Courier.

Here's to the blue of the wind swept North, when they meet on the fields of First Real Americans.

Such a people were the first real Americans. Such were their ideals and Americans. Such were their ideals and the series of the Sorth advance!

Here's to the gray-of the sun kissed South, when they meet on the fields of the sun kissed South. when they meet on the France

May the spirit of Lee be over them all, as the sons of the South advance!

Here's to the Blue and Gray as one, when they meet on the fields of France

May the spirit of God be over them all, as the Sons of the Fiag advance.

E. L. Mayo.

Tree mouse, sprite of winter cheer, Creeping topay-turvied crown, Comest thou from allen sphere With thy ways of upside down?

Allen strange thy nasal call From the singing throat of bird, Feasting at the sylvan wall Speak thy thanks in foreign word?

Grub nor borer miss thine eyes, Payest thou for daily food Death to hidden enemies. Little warden of the wood! Steals a love song through the trees
Mystic as the veery's own,
Breathe all elfn secrecies
In thy chanted monotone.
Rust Bastlett Stevens.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Just a wee thing with a dainty sir, And a shining mop of golden hair, With eyes so soft and wistful tao. That they bruise and hurt the heart Baby of mine—the dream's gone by!

Every One-but Mother. From the Buffalo Evening News. Sunday, at our house, we Have all sort of rompin—
Father an' the twins an' me Ist or rompin—twins an' me Ist or rompin—twins an' gettin' posies. Hackberries an' those wild roses Yes, an' chase each other!—the the bestest time there be, Every one—but mother.

Nen comes dianer time, we
let all est until it
Sprises father—he can't see
How we never spill it!
Ist pie plant an' berry pie,
Jelly tarts an' such—O my
We ist race each other.
Eatin' til we must can't see,
Every one—but mother. Nen, when dinner's done, we

When comes night, we set
All around the table.
Pickin' at the bones we et
Long as we are able:
Nen we set on mother's knee—
"Story time." that is, an' she
Tells one after t'other.
"Til we're 'sleep an' ist forget
Every one—but mother!
JOHN D. WELLS.

"I Guess I'll How! a White." Prom the Zende Citizen.
The dog gased at the big round moon
That was salling through the sky,
And he chewed on the bones of a big rao And winked his evil eye. Said the dog: "That moon thinks he But he really makes me smile, don't think he amounts to much, So I guess I'll howl a while."

So he howled and he yowled, And he barked and he yelped, But the moon still stayed serons. And he sailed right on, till the break Brought the light and he couldn't be

And that's just the way with a lot of folks.
When they see that others can smile
They say: "He's a right.
To be happy's not right.

So they howl and they yell. And they start raisenell.

But the guy with the smile doesn't mind;
They can argue and tues.
But he doesn't give a cuse
For opinions from folks of that kind.

A Little Red Cross Helper From the St. Nicholas.

I've made already one face cloth, And knitted it myself; But Daddy used it by mistake— 'Twas lying on the shelf. And I started on a sweater—
I would have got it done.
But Ethel May showed me her scart,
And then I started one.

It's brown and very warm and nice; I'm proud as I can be. My auntle came to see on. And she finished it for me.

I've started wristlets and a cap.

In Brief. From the Ohio State Journal From its Carrier forms.

Eat less: braathe more.

Taik less: think more.

Ride less: walk more.

Worry less: work more.

Waste less: give more.

Preach less: practise more.

The Bridge of Ships Now build a bridge of ships to France Across the ocean's broad expanse. And let it swiftly forward leap Till it shall span the outraged deep. The millions of the free shall march Across the vast and far flung arch; The powers of a continent

Across its mighty stretch be seet. The Hun shall look on it with fear For spelling doom before his eyes It shall become his Bridge of Sighs QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

With what countries is Greece at Greece declared war against Germany and Bulgaria on November 28, 1916. These were declarations of the pro-

July 2, 1917, and on the same day severed relations with Austria and Turkey. quake?

The great disaster, which cost 96,000 lives, was on December 28, 1908. There was a severe shock on December 22. 1912. On May 8, 1914. Catania, fiftyfive miles south, was the victim of a

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A boy born in New York State was taken to Australia before he was a year old. His parents are Canadians, ownina property in Canada, who have spenitheir lives in Canada and other British passessions and have sailed on the hish seas under the British flag. The father has never taken out American papers, voted or owned property in the Usited States.

The on has spent twenty years under the British flag and severe indeed the three three countries. The son is probably a British subject. On coming of age it was open to him to elect American citizenship, but he appears to have taken no steps which could be construed as an affirmation of such as merely semaning away from the United States for some years after the condition of the United States for some years after the United States for some years after the condition of the United States for some years after the condition of the United States for some years after the construed as an affirmation of such as merely semaning away from the United States for some years after the condition of the United States for some years after the construed as manifesting 21 and behaving in all respects as though he considered himself a British subject, would be construed as manifesting 21 and behaving in all respects as though the considered himself a British subject, would be construed as manifesting his choice of British nationality.

I don't understand how "daylight asving" is specially the considered himself and into the lead for a finesse, do so that the end of April and put back an hour aft the end of April and put back an hour aft the end of April and put back an hour aft the end of April and put back an hour aft the end of April and put back an hour fat the end of April and put back an hour fat the end of April and put back an hour fat the end of April and put back an hour fat the end of April and put back an hour fat the end of April and put back an hour fat the end of April and put back an hour fat the end of April and put back an hour fat the end of April and put back an hour f

up an hour earlier through May, June, July, August and September and goes to bed an hour earlier, though at the same "time" by the clock. It makes the hours of wakefulness coincide a little more closely with the lengthened hours of daylight—that is all.

What was the Palaeozoic period.

First came the Archen period, in which life was born ; then the Palaeozoic brates, then the age of fishes, then the age of coal plants, that is, the plants which have become the coal we mine today. The Palaeosoic period was sucreeded by the Mesozoic, or age of reptiles. Then came the Cencrote period, the age of mammals, and last the Quarternary period, graced by primeval man.

In view of certain events I should It is Cherrapongee, in southwestern Assam, India. The average annual fa s 458 inches and in 1861 there was a total of 905 inches of water.

Can you give me some handy and

40 inches, as suits you-39.37 inches exactly. A kilometer is almost precisely five-eighths of a mile. Ten kilometers are six and a quarter miles.

In square measure, call a hectare [2 471 acres] two and a half acres A liter is nine-tenths of a quart dry measure and a little over a quart [1.0567 quartal liquid measure.

"deci," "centi" and "milli" mean respectively a tenth, a hundredth and a
thousandth part of a meter, a liter and
a gram. The Greek prefixes, "deka,"
"hecto," or "hect" (in "hectare"), "kilo"
thought the only chance was to duck
the first round of diamonds, so he led yards].

A gram is the weight of a cubic centimeter of water at its greatest density and equals 15.432 grains avoirdupois weight. A kilogram is the weight of a liter of water and equals roughly two

It is in the Seventeenth Election dis-

trict, but of the First Assembly dis-What is the antecedent of "it" in the

You may talk of gin and beer When you're quartered safe out 'ere,

An' you're sent to penny fights and Alder-

But if it comes to slaughter,

An' you'll lick the bloomin' boots of 'in

"A" says that "gin and beer" is the antecedent. "B" says the pronoun refers to "water." CONSTANT READER. We should think the reference to be

It is a regulation in the army, a part of the ceremony of retreat, and a gen-eral practice among civilians.

Here is a copy of the poem asked for

by "O. M. F." It or I am the Hakon Jarl. The waters play Around my battered hull; and underneath The sharks glide fishing. From the frozen

The teeberge gather in a spectral fleet, Driftings driftings Unto the misty port Where neither signal gun nor flashing wire Sends back arrival to the anxious hearts That wander on the highlands and

So shall ye drift, O great, loud clanging That pass me by, so haughty and so cold; A mockery of death, a menace yet To those that live and swim upon the sea. And drifting we shall follow all that were As all that are shall follow in their turn, Until a lighthouse rises in the night, From that dim port men call Oblivion JOHN JAMES MEEHAN.

country is he a subject, the United States or the country of his birth? D. S. B. He is a subject of the country of his

Trump Leads Afford a Test of a Player's Skill at Royal Auction

Visional Government under Veniselos.

Under King Alexander Greece declared war against Germany and Bulgaria on July 2, 1917, and on the same day severed relations with Austria and Turkey.

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Hands From Actual cause A put the ace right on second hand and returned his partner's spade and

By R. T. FOSTER.

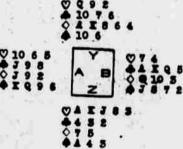
There are probably few departments of auction tactice in which the strong player will distinguish himself more than in the proper management of the trump suit, especially in postponing the trump lead until the right time.

leading trumps first.

6. If the whole hand is more promising as a cross ruff, not only must the lead of trumps be avoided but it must be

Avoiding the Trump Lead.

These exceptions are not stated in the order of their importance or frequency, and some of them are pretty well known. Others may be equally familiar to the average player as a theory, but he cither does not know how to manage the situation or does not readily perceive the necessity for avoiding the trump lead. Take, this hand which was played at seven tables and only two went game period presenting first the age of inverte- seven tables and only two went game



There was considerable variation in the bidding on the hand. Z started with a heart. At some tables B doubled and at others he bid two clubs. Whichever contract for two tricks.

When played at hearts A led the club and B ran down three tricks at once.
At some tables he switched to the spade, which is not as good a defence as the fourth club. Z won the trick and rushed fourth trick. Later the declarer himto the trumps instead of ruffing out the self revokes. A bets this invalidates the trumps instead of ruffing out the self revokes. A bets this invalidates the trumps, seven six four of diamonds four

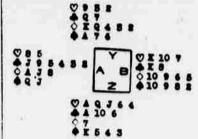
and "myria" mean respectively ten, a hundred, a thousand and ten thousand and ten thousand meters, increasing and area is a small one and B's queen won.

B led the small spade and Z put on the ace. Although he made all the diais 100 square meters or 1126 square monds in dummy after drawing the trumps he stopped just short of game. as B had already won four tricks.

Reentry Won the Game. One table went game against the de-fence of the lead of the fourth club by

trumping the trick with the ace, dis-carding the spade from dummy. Then he led three rounds of diamonds, ruffing Tou would do me a favor if you would own hand and keeping dummy's queen let me know in what election district to win the third round Z made that all important trump a reentry for the suit. four odd.

Here is another example of ruffing out a suit before exhausting the trumps, one trump lead being made only for



Z got the contract at hearts and A led the club. When dummy made the Is it a military law or courtesy or practice that flags should be taken down hand he lost all hope of going game at sunset?

J. C. McC. at once, It is astonishing how few mistake of putting on the queen second players seem to know that with queen and one second hand the queen should always be played if the ace is in the fourth hand but should never be played if the ten is with the ace.

If the cards are laid out it will be found impossible to prevent the player ace, ten small in the other, from win- known. Seven up, five hundred, skat, ning two tricks in the suit if he does matter how the king, jack and nine are

distributed. On the other hand, if the ten is not with the ace the better chance is to play the queen second hand, as it may with the ace the better chance is to play the queen second hand, as it may hold the trick. If the king is on the partners, four hand, A bids seven no trumps, without the joke. One of his thing would have forced the ace if the queen was held up and the queen third round of clubs. Must be play the

Correct Play of Hand. Playing the situation correctly, a small card from dummy on the first

ace. Now see how differently the hand was managed according to the calibre of the player who held Z's cards.

At one table he went right back with the small club, made the queen and led a trump, finessing the jack. The third club gave dummy a ruff, but B over-trumped with the ten, and led a spade. Although Z caught the king of trumps by letting Y win the spade trick and come through with a trump he never made a single trick in diamonds, be If a man has his first papers, of which

he also won the first club trick with the ace, but instead of returning that sult and playing to ruff dummy he led the

diamond. Holding are jack second hand A passed and the queen won. A small diamond from dummy and Z trumped. Then he utilized that club queen to get dummy in again and led another small diamond, dropping the ace and trumping the trick at the same time. Now the diamonds are set.

trumps, so that Z makes five odd against any deferrce.

SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS.

Auction Bridge. J. T. says: Some time ago The Sun gave an infallible way to win four tricks in a suit, although the jeck was three times guarded. We cannot discover it and would like to have it repeated for our instruction.

The situation arose when one hand held the A Q 10 9 2, and the partner held the king and three small. It is obvious that if the hand which holds two winners, ace queen, leads one of those cards, it will disclose the situation. If both adversaries follow suit, the jack can be caught in three top card leads. If either side renounces the ten and nine strong problem we are tricks in the end game:

The solution is for Z to lead the spade and whichever cards A plays Y wins. Y then leads the use of trumps to catch A's king and then the ace of trumps. When Z leads the jack of trumps. When Z leads the jack of trumps to pick up B's little on what is A to discard.

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E J. R. says: The dealer bids two spades, holding A K Q 10 9 8. The ace of clubs is led. Dummy wins the second round of clubs with the king. The only spade in the dummy is the seven, which is led. Second hand plays the six. What should the declarer play and why?

The queen. It is the only play that will win every trick in every distribution but one in which every trick is possible. If the second hand has the six jack the honor falls on the next round. If he has nothing but the six, the jack cannot be caught. If he is false carding with only one smaller card than the six the jack cannot be caught. In both these situations there are four to the jack on the left. With four to the jack on the right the queen play loses.

H. L. S. says: Declarer leads trump, hearts. A plays a diamond, but at once retracts it. What can the de-clarer demand as a penalty, if anything? it was, Z rebid the hearts. A answered the double with two spades in one case, and when Y went to three hearts and B to three spades Z doubled to show the stopper, but Y would not go to four hearts and they set the spade to four hearts and they set the spade to four hearts and they set the spade to four tricks. player in error to play his highest or lowest trump to the trick.

G. G. V. says: The declarer catches

E. J. L. says: The declarer leads the thirteenth club and before either second hand or dummy plays to the trick the called forth a number of complimentar fourth hand discards the nine of hearts. B hets the declarer can prevent the second hand from leading hearts in case he a model to ambitious composers, as in the called forth a number of complimentary to be second from the composers of the called forth a number of composers.

The only penalty is for the declarer to class problem—difficulty and a pleasing surprise at the end. call upon the second hand to discard the Th call upon the second hand to discard the best card he holds in any suit the declarer chooses to name. In this case he might ask for the discard of the draw. Here are the moves that solve: he might ask for the discard of the

one small heart and two small diamor

original bid it is at least two tricks be- over No Man's Land in the other. low average. Mrs. G. says: The dealer bids no trump, fourth hand two spades. The dealer switches to three hearts. Should

the second hand assist the spades, holding three small ones, king and two small hearts and five diamonds to the ace queen jack, with two small clubs? Such bids usually ask for a lead against the no trumper only and are not supposed to be supported if the no trumper is abandoned. It is much better to save the game at hearts than to risk trying to make four odd at spades

Games for three players. T. J. T. asks for the names of some good card games suitable for three players. There are six that are pretty well heart solo, cuchre and calabrasells, to which might be added rum, if spreads are played. Four of these are strictly which was always a mystery to a store three hand games.

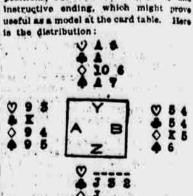
joker to that trick or can he discard?
Also, could be play the joker instead
of following suit at any time?

The joker is a suit by itself at no trump, and the holder of the joker cannot use it while he can follow suit to the lead. He is not obliged to play the

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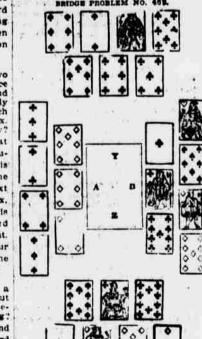
Bridge Hint for Use at

Bridge problem No. 467 was not as difficult as most of Jay Reed's compositions, but it had a very pretty and



and Z want all seven tricks.

The solution is for Z to lead the spade



Clubs are trumps and Z is in the lead

A liter is nine-tenths of a quart dry neasure and a little over a quart [1.0567] fourth club. Z won the trick and rushed to the trumps instead of ruffing out the diamonds first, which is the only chance to go game, by getting two spade discards.

"deci," "centi" and "milli" mean recards.

When B led the fourth club Z just missed the game at one table by carespectively a tenth, a hundredth and a spectively a tenth, a hundredth and a latting dummy trump it, discard-

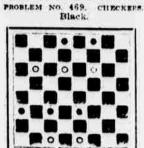
combines the two essentials of a

If white starts with 23-18, 26-28

The doughboys in the various training camps are making a big run on checkers one small heart and two small diamonds.

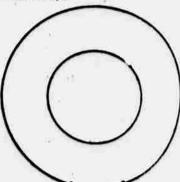
B bets this is not a legitimate spade bid, a insists that it is, when the dealer has passed. The no-trumper was set for these days, and many tournaments are being arranged for their amusement two tricks, as a could not stop the spades.

It is not quite up to etandard for a free bid, but might pass as a secondary bid, a forced bid or a takeout. As an the broken with the barbed wire in one direction, while the three Yankee airplanes have flow.



White to fly on and win.
The distribution is: Huns on 2.7.25.
22 and 23: Doughboys on 9, 10, 11, 3)

THE WOLF TRAP.



The lines are fences and the dutted line is a gate with a spring blue. The puzzle is to guess how the training set and how it could ever catch a work at the could be puzzle in the could be the could b was impossible to push the gare ver-